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NASA grant**

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gift results
in renovation,
scholarships**

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participate in Day
of Civic Service**



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Dean's Message



I have learned many lessons since I began sitting in the dean's chair three years ago. I wanted to write about *all* of those lessons, but Assistant Dean for External Relations and Strategic Initiatives Molly Brummond told me I only had this one page to work with. So, I will confine this message to two lessons.

First, the dean clearly does not have as much power as one might think. *See, e.g., Brummond, Molly, supra.*

Second, and far more importantly, our alumni are essential to our success. I knew that fact generally when I started in the interim dean role on February 1, 2016, but I am reminded of its central importance on a weekly basis. Especially recently. Take, for example, what has happened this spring. In February, we hosted a regional trial team competition, which involved 20 teams of students from ten law schools participating in over 30 mock trials. In order to pull this off, over 100 alumni, students and friends volunteered to serve as judges, witnesses and bailiffs. Supreme Court justices and trial court judges participated, as did members of our local Inns of Court. The Lancaster County courthouse buzzed with activity all weekend as lawyers fought through snow storms (uphill, both ways!) to make it to the courthouse so the competition could go on.

Or, consider the week before that competition, when a dozen lawyers, judges and faculty submitted a report to me with recommendations on how the College of Law could better prepare the next generation of lawyers to understand, manage and utilize technology. This working group spent the better part of the fall semester gathering information, talking and brainstorming about how our curriculum and programming could be updated to address the massive influx of new technologies impacting how law is practiced and understood. The faculty is reviewing the report, and I look forward to the robust discussion it will inspire.

Consider that, also in February, a different group of alumni and friends met as part of a year-long effort to systematically address the lack of diversity in the Nebraska Bar. This group includes representatives from law firms from across the state,

solo practitioners, major corporations located in Nebraska, nonprofits, universities, the judiciary, the bar association and government agencies. The ideas that have flowed from these meetings have been inspiring and creative. I am confident that this group, working together, can make positive change happen in the state in order to attract and retain a diverse group of lawyers and create an inclusive and inviting environment.

All year round alumni are in the building, interacting with and mentoring students, working on committees and volunteering for the events we sponsor. In short, our alumni are vital to everything we do and all of our success.

Finally, I think about how alumni have joined our faculty, students, staff and administrators in a months-long strategic planning process. This process involves five in-person meetings of this working group, along with several meetings in smaller subgroups to prepare for those meetings. At its conclusion, we hope to have a five-year plan completed. I am looking forward to sharing with each of you the final plan and all of the exciting goals and ideas that are being generated.

All year round alumni are in the building, interacting with and mentoring students, working on committees and volunteering for the events we sponsor. In short, our alumni are vital to everything we do and all of our success. Thank you for your dedication and loyalty to the College of Law.

Richard Moberly
Dean and Richard C. & Catherine S. Schmoker
Professor of Law

Faculty Notes



Jack M. Beard

Associate Professor of Law

Professor Jack Beard published a chapter, "The Principle of Proportionality in an Era of High Technology," in *Complex Battlespaces: The Law of Armed Conflict and the Dynamics of Modern Warfare* (Oxford University Press). He moderated two panels on key national security space law issues at the U.S. Strategic Command (STRATCOM) Advanced Operational Law Conference in Bellevue, Nebraska; moderated a panel, at the College of Law's 11th Annual Washington D.C. Space Law Conference in Washington, D.C., on the international effort co-led by the University of Nebraska to draft the *Woomera Manual on the International Law of Military Space Operations*; moderated a panel "War, Peace, and International Law on the Korean Peninsula," at the International Law Weekend of the American Branch of the International Law Association in New York City and moderated a panel "Space Law: Issues and Progress," at the 28th Annual Review of the

Field of National Security Law of the American Bar Association in Washington, D.C. He presented "Above the Horizon: Developments and Challenges to National Security in Space Law and Policy," at the George Mason Law School, in Arlington, Virginia, and presented "Critical Issues in Space Law" at the Galloway Space Law Symposium in Washington, D.C. He led a session at a Law and Policy Workshop "Defending America's Place in Space: Future Threats and Rules," co-sponsored by the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Law and National Security, in Washington, D.C. Together with representatives of the Australian Embassy in Washington, D.C., he briefed the staff of the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee on the drafting of the Woomera Manual.



Eric Berger

Associate Dean for Faculty & Professor of Law

In spring 2019, Professor Eric Berger taught a new course at the College of Business on Legislation and Regulation. The course

introduces undergraduates to the foundations of the legislative process and the administrative state to help students understand the legal setting in which they will confront and shape regulations as business, political and community leaders. He also participated in a conference at Georgia State University College of Law in Atlanta, Georgia, entitled "The Swing Justice: Reflections on the Career of Justice Anthony Kennedy." Berger's panel focused on the rhetoric in Justice Kennedy's opinions. Berger is currently working on a paper about the role of popular norms in creating the current lethal injection stalemate that is making it more difficult for many states to carry out executions. He presented early versions of that paper at a faculty colloquium at DePaul University College of Law in Chicago and at the Ninth Annual Loyola Constitutional Law Colloquium at Loyola University Chicago School of Law. Berger also participated in a panel discussion at the Nebraska Student Union about free speech and civil discourse and guest lectured about constitutional topics in various classes around the University, including in the College of Journalism, the History Department, and the Political Science Department at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He chaired the Appointments Committee, which successfully hired a new professor of Civil Procedure. He also served as a member of the University's

N150 Mission and Values Sub-Committee.



Kristen M. Blankley

Associate Professor of Law & Director of the Robert J. Kutak Center for the Teaching and Study of Applied Ethics

Professor Kristen Blankley's article, "Restorative Justice and Youth Offenders in Nebraska" (co-authored by alumna Alisha Caldwell Jiminez, '17) will be published in the NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW in the fall. She presented on arbitration ethics issues at the Civil Justice Research Initiative's symposium at UC Irvine School of Law. Her talk discussed whether arbitrator conduct should be regulated and, if so, how it could be regulated. Blankley also presented on a panel at the ABA Dispute Resolution Section Annual Meeting in Minneapolis on recent Supreme Court decisions in arbitration law.



Richard F. Duncan
Sherman S. Welpton, Jr.
Professor of Law & Warren
R. Wise Professor of Law
 Professor Rick Duncan published "A Piece of Cake or Religious Expression: Masterpiece Cakeshop and the First Amendment" in the *Nebraska Law Review Bulletin*. He also spoke and debated about the First Amendment, *Roe v. Wade*, federalism and the Trump Supreme Court at many law schools, including BYU, Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Notre Dame, Texas, Texas Tech, Houston and Fordham.



Justin W. (Gus) Hurwitz
Associate Professor of
Law & Co-Director of
the Space, Cyber and
Telecommunications Law
Program
 Professor Gus Hurwitz published "Telemarketing, Technology, and the Regulation of Private Speech: First Amendment

Lessons from the FCC's TCPA Rules," 84 *Brooklyn Law Review* 1. His next article, "Chevron's Political Domain: W(h)ither Step Three?" is soon to come out in the *DePaul Law Review*. He is currently working on a number of additional articles, including "American Express and Post-Cartesian Antitrust" (*NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW*), "Madison, Hamilton, and Claude Shannon on Social Media" (*Business, Entrepreneurship & Tax Law Review*) and "The Misdiagnosed Need for User Control and Autonomy in the Platform Economy" (*Colorado Technology Law Journal*), all of which will be coming out in the next year. Over the past few months, he has participated in conferences or workshops at the Universities of Arizona, Colorado and Missouri and at Pepperdine University and Santa Clara University, among others. In addition, he has organized panels and conferences at Nebraska Law, a conference on antitrust law at New York University Law School and a conference on law and technology at the University of Connecticut.



Richard A. Leiter
Director of the Schmid Law
Library & Professor of Law

Professor Rich Leiter served on an ABA Sabbatical Site Visit to the University of Arizona College of Law during which he was responsible for evaluating the law school's library, facilities and technology. Leiter served as chair of the Law College's Law and Technology Working Group, which examined ways that the curriculum can be enriched to teach students about practical technology and better prepare them for practice.



John P. Lenich
Earl Dunlap Distinguished
Professor of Law
 Professor John Lenich spoke on appealable orders at the Nebraska Defense Counsel Association's 2018 Annual Seminar. Thomson Reuters recently published the 2019 edition of his book, *Nebraska Civil Procedure*. The book covers a wide range of practice-related issues, ranging from jurisdiction to discovery. The 2019 edition includes new chapters on the right to jury trial, trial procedure, new trial motions, default judgments, voluntary dismissals and vacating judgments. Lenich will be retiring at the end of the 2018-19 academic year, after serving as a faculty member for 35 years.



Brian D. Lepard
Harold W. Conroy
Distinguished Professor of
Law & Director of the LL.M.
Program in Global Legal
Practice
 The *Jornal do Comercio* ("Journal of Commerce"), one of the most important business journals in the south of Brazil, published an interview with Professor Brian Lepard about the 2017 Tax Cut and Jobs Act and its implications for Brazil and Brazilians. The article was entitled "Expert Identifies the Principal Features of the New North American Tax Law." Lepard also chaired a panel at International Law Weekend at Fordham Law School in New York City. The theme of the panel was "How Customary International Law Matters in Protecting Human Rights." The online journal *American Journal of International Law Unbound* published Lepard's article, "Customary International Law: A Third World Perspective: Reflections in Light of an Approach to CIL Based on Fundamental Ethical Principles." In addition, he gave a talk at the Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul (PUCRS) in Porto Alegre, Brazil, at a human rights conference on the significance of the Universal Declaration of Human

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Rights 70 years after its adoption by the U.N. General Assembly in 1948. He also chaired a panel discussion at the Law College entitled “The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70: Reflections on Its Relevance for Nebraskans.”



William H. Lyons
Richard H. Larson Professor of Tax Law Emeritus

Professor Emeritus Bill Lyons, who retired from the Law College in August 2016, and his spouse, Dr. Karen Lyons, now live in Castine, Maine. (As Casey Stengel said in a rather different context, “You can look it up [on Google maps].”) Lyons continues to serve as the associate editor-in-chief of *The Tax Lawyer* (the ABA Tax Section law review publication) and attends the three annual meetings of the Tax Section. He has had the chance to see several former students at these meetings. If you plan to attend any of these meetings, let him know at wlyons2@unl.edu. He and his co-authors recently published the sixth edition of *Partnership Income Taxation* (Foundation Press). He is also doing some baseball history writing, including a chapter on one of the owners of the Boston National League

team from 1877 through 1906. He misses regular teaching and the students and faculty at the Law College, but does have the opportunity to teach for about a month each year at the International Tax Center (University of Leiden, in the Netherlands). He sends his best wishes to all of students he had the privilege of knowing during his 35 years at the Law College.



Colleen E. Medill
Robert & Joanne Berkshire Family Professor of Law

Professor Colleen Medill and her co-author, Professor Shelley Saxer of Pepperdine Law School, completed the manuscript for the new fifth edition of their Property casebook, *Contemporary Property*. The book will be available for fall 2019 classes. Professor Medill continues to serve as a member of the United States Department of Labor’s Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans, a Congressionally-created committee that advises the Department of Labor on regulatory policy.



Harvey S. Perlman
Harvey & Susan Perlman Alumni Professor of Law
Professor Harvey Perlman attended the Global Conference of the Confucius Institutes in Chengdu, China, and delivered a presentation on the Law College’s Comparative Chinese Law and Custom Course. He led a discussion of the presidents of the Power 5 athletic conferences on the future of autonomy legislation. Perlman also attended the advisors meeting of the American Law Institute Project on Principles of the Law, Student Sexual Misconduct: Procedural Frameworks for Colleges and Universities.



Sandra B. Placzek
Associate Director of the Schmid Law Library and Professor of Law Library
Professor Sandy Placzek

made two presentations at the 2018 Mid-America Association of Law Libraries (MAALL) Annual Meeting in Memphis, Tennessee: “Developing a Winning Strategy for Library Facilities Management in Three Easy Steps . . . Well, more than three, but who’s counting . . .” (with Candle Wester, ’04) and “Indexing the NEBRASKA TRANSCRIPT: Who, What, Where, Why and How; Or How You Might Approach Indexing a Publication Unique to Your Institution.” As the second presentation indicates, she has been working on a project to index issues of the NEBRASKA TRANSCRIPT. The indexes are accessible at <http://schmidguides.unl.edu/transcripts>.



Kevin L. Ruser
Richard & Margaret Professor of Law, M.S. Hevelone Professor of Law & Director of Clinical Programs
Professor Kevin Ruser has been appointed co-chair of the Forms Subcommittee of the Self-Represented Litigation Committee of the Nebraska Supreme Court and to the Court’s newly-created Civil Justice Reform Working Group. He was a presenter on Nebraska Landlord and Tenant law for the Larabee

School of Real Estate in Lincoln and, with Michelle Paxton, on immigration issues involved when representing children in juvenile court at the Juvenile Law Section CLE at the NSBA Annual Meeting in La Vista.



Anthony B. Schutz
Associate Professor of Law

Professor Anthony Schutz continues his work administering the Rural Law Opportunities Program, designing programming for the undergraduate students at Nebraska Law's partner institutions: UNK, Wayne State College and Chadron State College. This year, the students from those schools traveled to the law school to watch the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit hear oral arguments. Schutz visited each school during the spring semester and met with local attorneys about internship and giving opportunities for the program. He also presented an update on environmental law developments in agriculture at the American Agricultural Law Association's annual symposium in Portland, Oregon, participated in the Inaugural Food Law and Policy Conference at Harvard Law School and hosted an ag and

water law seminar at the Law College. He took students on an agricultural law and water law tour of western Nebraska, approximating the water law trip that many alumni have been on and which is offered every other year in conjunction with the Water Law Seminar.



Jessica A. Shoemaker
Associate Professor of Law

Professor Jessica Shoemaker is currently on research leave, serving as the Fulbright Canada Research Chair in Aboriginal Legal and Resource Rights at the University of Alberta Faculty of Law. Her research during this exchange is focused on Indigenous land tenure systems through a comparative lens, with a focus on what can be learned from recent Canadian reconciliation and land reform efforts. Her article, "Transforming Property: Reclaiming Modern Indigenous Land Tenures," was recently accepted by the *California Law Review*, and she has contributed to an edited collection on private-sector economic development in reservation spaces that is forthcoming from Cambridge University Press. She recently presented at the Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociology Society in

Portland, Oregon, a Fulbright conference held in Ottawa, Ontario, and the University of Alberta's Fulbright signing ceremony event.



Ryan P. Sullivan
Assistant Professor of Law

Professor Ryan Sullivan presented during the "Legislative Update" session at the NSBA Annual Meeting on the updates to Nebraska's "Clean Slate Laws," which went into effect in July 2018. Over the last few years, he and several teams of Civil Clinic students, as part of the clinic's Clean Slate Project, worked with legislators to clarify and expand Nebraska's laws relating to criminal conviction set-asides and record sealing. Relatedly, Sullivan was asked to join a collaborative of service providers who assist survivors of human trafficking. He will assist in developing a procedure for survivors to utilize one of the recently adopted clean slate laws to set aside and seal certain past convictions related to their victimization. Sullivan was interviewed by and quoted in the *New York Times* in an article related to his research on the unlawful use of civil penalties in criminal shoplifting matters.

He was also interviewed and quoted by the *Toronto Star* in two articles on the use of similar civil penalties in Canada. His law review article, "Stolen Profits: Civil Shoplifting Demands and the Misuse of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 25-21,194," 95 NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW 28 (2016), led the Nebraska Legislature to repeal the statute, becoming the first state in the nation to roll back civil penalty laws that result in citizens being penalized twice for the same crime.



Adam Thimmesch
Associate Professor of Law

Professor Adam Thimmesch presented at the *Kentucky Law Journal* Symposium, "Intermeddlers or Innovators? States and Federal Copyright Law." He presented his essay, "Consuming the Benefits of Copyright," which evaluates the sources and costs of multistate tax complexity for those engaged in the creation and distribution of copyrighted works. Thimmesch also presented the keynote address at the 2019 Open Sky Legislative Symposium. His presentation focused on several tax issues that will be brought before the Nebraska legislature this year. Thimmesch was recently appointed to the

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Executive Committee of the Tax Section of the American Association of Law Schools.



Frans G. von der Dunk
*Harvey & Susan Perlman
Alumni/Othmer Professor
of Space Law*

Professor Frans von der Dunk participated as chairman, speaker and panelist (and as the only law expert) in a invitees-only symposium organized by the Radcliffe Institute of Advance Study of Harvard University on the topic of “Space Resources: Promising and Problematic?” Von der Dunk participated in two panels with the British news station TRT World Media on space commercialization including space mining, space militarization and the newly announced U.S. Space Force. Von der Dunk gave a keynote speech at SPUI25 in Spe, at the University of Amsterdam, on the issue of

“Space Colonization and the Law.” A two-piece story on “Space Lawyer Frans von der Dunk” was featured on the lawless.tech internet forum addressing the state of the art of international space law in general and on space mining. He was also interviewed with regard to the statement of Vice President Pence that the United States might stop ruling out orbiting nuclear weapons, pointing out both the illegality of such a move and the foolishness thereof for those able to look beyond the potential short-range advantage. The story was published in *The National Journal*. Von der Dunk also presented a paper on “The European Union and Space – Space for Competition?” at the annual Colloquium on the Law of Outer Space organized by the International Institute of Space Law in the course of the International Astronautical Congress in Bremen, Germany. His article “Unmanned Aerial Vehicles: Their Use of Satellite Services and (Space) Law,” was published in *Innovation in Outer Space: International and African Legal Perspectives*, he published a collection of articles in *International Space Law* for which he also wrote the introduction and

he published his paper “Kiwis in Space – New Zealand’s ‘Outer Space and High-Altitude Activities Act’,” in the annual *Proceedings of the International Institute of Space Law*.



Steven L. Willborn
*Judge Harry A. Spencer
Professor of Law*

Professor Steve Willborn, serving as interim executive director of the Uniform Law Commission, has given talks on the Commission at the Chicago-Kent College of Law, Cornell Law School and John Marshall Law School. He has been appointed to the United States Department of State’s Advisory Committee on Private International Law.



Maggie Wittlin
Assistant Professor of Law

Professor Maggie Wittlin published “Common Problems of Plausibility and Probabilism,” a response to Ronald Allen and Michael Pardo’s “Relative Plausibility and Its Critics,” in *The International Journal of Evidence & Proof*. She presented her working paper, “Evidence, Meta-Evidence, and Preliminary Injunctions,” at the Fourth Annual Civil Procedure Workshop at Stanford Law School. She also presented her work on jury deliberations, previously published in the *University of New Hampshire Law Review*, at the Association of American Law Schools’ annual conference in New Orleans. Her presentation was part of the Evidence Section panel, “Problems of Proof: #MeToo and ‘Who Me?’”

Follow the faculty at:
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Law College-Political Science team awarded Inclusive Excellence Development Grant



Elsbeth Magilton, '12

An interdisciplinary team from the College of Law and the Political Science Department has been awarded one of the University of Nebraska's Inclusive Excellence Development Grants from the Office of Diversity, Access and Inclusion. Elsbeth Magilton, '12, the Space, Cyber, and Telecommunications Law program executive director, and Political Science faculty member Dr. Tyler White, will be implementing their proposal, "Recruiting, Retaining, and Supporting Women in the National Security Field" over the next two semesters. The proposal seeks to establish student programming and resources to provide career development and field-specific mentorship to women engaged in national security.

Magilton explained, "Leaders throughout the government and the Department of Defense (DoD) have recently called for new and creative methods for thinking about national security strategies, with a particular focus in engaging young and diverse people in defense policy. The University of Nebraska, through our collaborations with DoD and the intelligence community, has a unique opportunity to use our time with students — undergraduate, graduate, doctoral — to create a more diverse and supportive pipeline into these career fields for female students."

"In recent years at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln there has been a major shift in enrollment into the Intelligence Community Scholars program, with a notable increase in female students. Unfortunately, we do not see those same numbers several years into the profession. The University has an opportunity to help enact change in the profession," added White.

The project will focus on three core objectives to achieve its desired impact: visibility of female role models in the field, field-specific mentorship and professional skills building. Efforts will include public panels, career development workshops and more cross-department collaborations.

This is the second time Magilton and White have collaborated to bring national security focused opportunities to students; last March, the team co-hosted the Deterrence and Assurance Academic Alliance Conference on behalf of U.S. Strategic Command featuring primarily student and new-faculty research.

More information about the Space, Cyber, and Telecommunications Law program is available at law.unl.edu/spacecyberlaw. More information about Nebraska's Intelligence Community Scholars program is available at nationalsecurity.unl.edu.



Dr. Tyler White

Space Law Program takes students, staff on inaugural rural telecommunications tour

By Elsbeth J. Mailton, '12, Executive Director of Space, Cyber, and Telecommunications Law Programs



The telecommunications tour visited Consolidated Companies in Paxton, Nebraska.

Professor Gus Hurwitz and Space, Cyber, and Telecommunications Law Program Executive Director Elsbeth Magilton, '12, took students and technology staff on a four-day road trip to rural Nebraska coordinated with the Nebraska Telecommunications Association, Comcast and CableLabs. The goal of the trip was to provide students and staff exposure to the business and regulatory side of a technologically dynamic and highly regulated industry. Rural telecommunications providers are sophisticated businesses operating here in the middle of America, on the front lines of many regulatory challenges.

The first stop on the tour was Hamilton Telecommunications in Aurora, Nebraska, where they were hosted by Jim Ediger, '14. While visiting Hamilton, the group discussed Hamilton Relay, a nationwide provider of relay services for the deaf and speech impaired, and Hamilton NG911, which provides next-gen 911 services. Afterward, the tour drove to Louisville, Colorado, to visit CableLabs, meeting its legal leadership, Mark Walker and Rob Alderfer. Discussion included the state of cable gigabit services and cable broadband generally, as well as CableLabs' services and business. Also, while there, the group went inside a RF Anechoic Chamber (wireless performance test chamber),

experiencing complete sound deprivation.

The following day the group pivoted back to Nebraska to visit Hemingford Cooperative Telephone Company, where they saw fiber line conversion in action with their host, Tonya Mayer. After a short drive, the group went on to tour Consolidated Companies with Brian Thompson in Paxton, Nebraska. The sessions there included a visit to a cell tower and a feedlot tour, introducing what one student termed the loC: The Internet of Cows. Each cow in the lot has a "cow fit bit"-like tag monitoring it. Transmission of the data means massive broadband needs – a point brought home to the group time and time again throughout the experience.

The final day of the tour brought the group to an area farm owned by the family of Kara Ronnau, '11, general counsel for the Aurora Cooperative, learning how broadband access and telecom infrastructure is vital to agriculture at her family's farm.

The Rural Telecom Tour is poised to become an annual event, combining the program's dedication to the State of Nebraska and to innovative technologies.

Community Legal Education Project teaches elementary students about law, Constitution

The Community Legal Education Project (CLEP) provides law students with the opportunity to teach elementary students about the Bill of Rights, the Constitution and other legal issues.

Starting early during the spring semester, law students go into local elementary classrooms once a week to teach prepared lessons. The students engage in a discussion-based series of activities and games through which they explore the history and implications of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and, specifically, the way they structure the government, allocate rights and provide for our various liberties.

“My classroom did a fantastic job of engaging in deep discussions about rights, the separation of powers, the intricacies of passing equitable legislation and the implications of federalism,” said Carey Collingham, ’20. “The activities tied into their classroom curriculum very well, and seemed to enhance their comprehension of the subject matter. Despite having several years of experience working with 5th graders, I am always surprised how thoughtful and intuitive the students are when it comes to contemplating complex social matters.”

CLEP volunteers spend an hour every week over a five-week period

in a 5th grade classroom at one of Lincoln’s Title I schools working with their students. Activities include: mock elections, drafting a classroom Constitution, drafting a bill and voting it into classroom law, checks and balances activities and Constitution Jeopardy.

“To at least a small extent, I’d like to think that the program inspired a classroom of students who will enter the community soon as more thoughtful, objective and considerate adults,” said Collingham.

CLEP also organizes an annual Constitution Day program in which law students lead local 8th graders through Constitution-based activities.

Students involved in this year’s spring program were: Claire Allen, Logen Bartz, Madi Barbee, Amanda Berman, Carey Collingham, Katie Curtiss, Julia Dohan, Jim Glover, David Gottschalk, Stewart Guderian, Dee Hobbs, Dana Jurgensmeier, Bobby Larsen, Aaron Macchietto, Aja Martin, Mauricio Murga Rios, Shannon Seim, Matt Soltys, Josh Waltjer and Jared West.

CLEP’s faculty advisor is Professor Eric Berger.



Carey Collingham, '20, one of the Community Legal Education Project teachers, with his students at Clinton Elementary School.

Law students organize Day of Civic Engagement

By Melissa McCoy, Director of Enrollment Strategy and Communication

After Josh Waltjer, '20, was elected president of Nebraska Law's American Constitution Society chapter last spring, he attended the organization's national convention in Washington, D.C., with newly elected vice president, Carter Reed, '20. The two were able to interact with the likes of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor and former Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates, as well as other law students and professors from across the country. As a result of these interactions, they returned to Lincoln with the idea for a Day of Civic Engagement to be held on election day in fall 2018.

The two ACS officers collaborated with the College's chapter of the Federalist Society and the Student Bar Association to create an event with the goal of promoting civic engagement on Election Day. Although the groups hold varying political ideologies, the overall feeling was that law students have a duty to protect Constitutional principles, no matter their differences in policy stances. As Waltjer said, "The Day of Civic Engagement was founded under the principle that our democracy is worth protecting and that this is not a partisan ideal."



Brianna Duda, '20, and Stewart Guderian, '20, volunteered at the Lake Traverse Native American Reservation in North Dakota.



Sarah O'Neill, '21, volunteered at a Lincoln polling location.

The inaugural Day of Civic Engagement had 27 student volunteers. The activities in Lancaster County were run by two organizations: a local nonprofit focused on increasing civic engagement and the Lancaster County Election Commissioner's Office. The students who volunteered for the nonprofit served as poll watchers, ensuring that polling locations had adequate resources on Election Day and that all eligible voters were able to participate in the election. The Election Commissioner's Office volunteers served alongside the actual election staff, assisting with tasks such as handing out ballots, answering election-related questions and putting ballots into boxes. After the polls closed on Election Day, an election watch party for the volunteers was hosted at a local restaurant. Additionally, two students travelled to North Dakota to assist the Lake Traverse Native American Reservation with voter access, as road conditions there were poor.

Similar events were held at other law schools around the country and, while the founders of Nebraska Law's event will have graduated by the 2020 election, Waltjer and Reed hope that younger students who were involved in the planning of 2018's Day of Civic Engagement will make sure the event continues. Waltjer says, "Voter turnout is a big issue in our country, and law students should be on the front lines of civic activism and election security."

Gregory Moran, '18, wins 2018 Employee Benefits Writing Competition

Gregory Moran, '18, won the 2018 Sidney M. Perlstadt Memorial Award in the American College of Employee Benefits Counsel's Fourteenth Annual Employee Benefits Writing Competition. Moran's winning submission was entitled "Breaches Within Breaches – The Crossroads of ERISA Fiduciary Responsibilities and Data Security." He received the award at the College's annual black tie induction dinner on Saturday, September 15, 2018, in Nashville, Tennessee.

Moran is the third Nebraska Law student to receive this award. Alexander Engelkamp, '17, won the writing competition in 2017 and Brian Fahey, '15, won the writing competition in 2015.



Nebraska Law's pro bono work earns national honors

The College of Law was recognized as a Pro Bono Leader for its dedication to pro bono work and participation in the American Bar Association's Free Legal Answers program.

The ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service presents annual recognition to individual attorneys, law firms and law departments that have provided extraordinary pro bono services through the ABA Free Legal Answers program. This program aims to ensure that individuals with low incomes

receive the legal help they need.

As part of this virtual advice clinic, users post their civil legal questions to their state's website. Attorney volunteers who are authorized to provide pro bono assistance select questions to answer and provide legal information and advice.

The Pro Bono Leader distinction recognizes organizations that have collectively answered 75 or more questions during the calendar year. The College of Law answered 135 total questions last year and is the only law school to receive this recognition. Professors Kristen Blankley, Kevin Ruser and Ryan Sullivan each participated in this initiative, as did a number of Nebraska Law students.

"Our students and faculty have demonstrated a dedication to our community through their participation in this program," said Dean Richard Moberly. "I am extremely proud of Professor Sullivan for helping lead this effort."

Sullivan also received individual recognition as a Pro Bono Leader, by answering over 50 questions last year. In addition to dedicating his own time to answering questions, Sullivan also supervised law students participating in this program.



Sullivan, '10, recognized for service to Veterans

Professor Ryan Sullivan, '10, was recognized for his work with Nebraska Law's Veterans Coffee & Counsel Program and his own pro bono work representing Veteran clients.

Scott Smith, a former client, organized the celebration, "I want to show Professor Sullivan how important his work is, not only for me, but for Veterans across our state. "

As part of the celebration, Sullivan was presented with an American flag that was flown over the Nebraska State Capitol in his honor.

Second Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Lohier visits as Cline Williams Jurist in Residence

By Maggie Wittlin, Assistant Professor of Law

Hon. Raymond J. Lohier, Jr., of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, visited the Law College in October as the Cline Williams Jurist in Residence. I had the great privilege of serving as a law clerk to Judge Lohier after graduating from law school, and I knew that our students could benefit tremendously from his knowledge, perspective and extensive experience.

Before President Barack Obama nominated him to the Second Circuit, Lohier served as an assistant United States attorney for the Southern District of New York. In that time, he led both the Securities and Commodities Fraud Task Force and the Narcotics Unit. Before that, he served in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice. Lohier also worked in private practice and was himself a law clerk, to Hon. Robert P. Patterson, Jr., of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Lohier participated in two lunch events as the jurist in residence. On Monday, Lohier and Judge Joseph Bataillon, of the U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska, held a “fireside chat.” They discussed the administration of the federal courts, giving the audience a peek into the side of the judiciary that few lawyers see. Specifically, Lohier discussed his position as chair of the Committee on Defender Services and the challenges of finding all the money needed to pay lawyers appointed to represent indigent defendants. Bataillon, who sits on the Committee on the Budget, discussed the difficult process of allocating the budget among competing priorities.

On Tuesday, Lohier and I held a lunchtime conversation, in which we chatted about issues that have arisen during different stages of his career. Focusing on his time as a prosecutor, we talked about prosecutorial discretion, plea bargaining and the disparity in defense representation he



Hon. Raymond J. Lohier with Professor Maggie Wittlin, Hon. Joseph Bataillon and Dean Richard Moberly

observed between his time in Narcotics and his time in Securities Fraud. Moving to his present role as a judge, he examined the place of the federal court of appeals within our government, touching on the relationship between the branches of federal government, the relationship between state and federal government and the relationship among the different federal courts. Finally, we both made a pitch for judicial

clerkships. I noted the invaluable experience I had working for Lohier and with my co-clerks, and we advised students to strongly consider clerking for a judge after graduation.

Several groups of students got to meet with Lohier during his time at the Law College. He sat in on Professor Bill Fisher’s Corporate Governance Seminar, and he met in small sessions with the Multicultural Legal Society/Black Law Student Association, the American Constitution Society and the Federalist Society and with other groups of interested students. Lohier also visited the new Clinic space and spoke with students there. At the end of the visit the judge had dinner with professors, judges and lawyers from Cline Williams.

By attending the lectures and speaking with Lohier in small groups, the students got to learn from a man who is both exceptionally accomplished and exceptionally kind and thoughtful. The judge enjoyed meeting the students, and he was particularly impressed with how members of ACS and FedSoc — one a liberal organization, the other a conservative organization — spoke with each other civilly and constructively. Nebraska Law showed the judge that the future of the profession is bright, and the judge helped Nebraska Law students see great possibilities for their future.

Former US Solicitor General Donald Verrilli delivers Lane Lecture on the rule of law



Lane Lecturer Donald B. Verrilli, Jr. with students and professors Matt Schaefer and Jo Potuto.

Donald B. Verrilli, Jr., former United States Solicitor General, delivered the College of Law's Lane Lecture, "The Rule of Law: Not Just a Law of Rules," on September 21.

Verrilli, now a partner at Munger, Tolles & Olson, and the founder of its Washington, D.C., office, offered his perspectives on the rule of law, the Constitution and contemporary events in American society.

Due in large part to the influence of Justice Antonin Scalia, conservative judges, academics and practicing lawyers have expressed their commitment to textualism in statutory construction and originalism in constitutional interpretation as a reflection of a deeper commitment to the rule of law – that is, to the idea that these methods of interpretation ensure that we remain a nation of laws in the sense that judges defer to the democratically legitimate expression of the law by the people and their representatives, rather than substituting their own moral or policy judgments. For all of its force and the positive disciplining effects this set of ideas has had on the way we approach legal texts, the centrality of the "rule of law as a law of rules" idea in conservative jurisprudence has produced at least two serious unfortunate consequences. First, it tends to promote divisiveness in the legal culture because it defines other interpretive methods, and the outcomes they produce, as illegitimate, and not

merely the product of good faith disagreement. Second, and more pressingly, it tends to induce myopia. As the present moment illustrates, many adherents are acting in a manner that suggests that they value the confirmation of judges who share their views as a higher value than protection of the integrity of the legal institutions and the overall constitutional structure, without which their interpretive commitments ultimately will mean very little.

Verrilli is widely recognized as one of the nation's premier Supreme Court and appellate lawyers. He served as solicitor general from 2011-2016 and argued dozens of cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. His landmark victories include, among many others, his successful advocacy in defense of the Affordable Care Act in *NFIB v. Sebelius* and *King v. Burwell*, his successful advocacy for marriage equality in *Obergefell v. Hodges* and *United States v. Windsor* and his vindication of federal immigration authority in *Arizona v. United States*.

The NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW has published "The Rule of Law: Not Just a Law of Rules," Verrilli's corresponding article at *Nebraska Law Bulletin* (Oct. 18, 2018), <https://lawreview.unl.edu/rule-law-more-just-law-rules>.

Nebraska Law partners with Ms. JD for 'Accelerate 2018: Grow, Rise, Lead'



The "Making the Most of Mentors" panel during the Accelerate 2018 conference featured (l-r) Katie Pfannenstiel (moderator), Maleaha Brown, Tara Paulson, '10, Ellie Rohr, '14, and Tara Stingley, '05.

On Friday, November 3, the College of Law welcomed law students and professionals from nine different states for Accelerate 2018: Grow. Rise. Lead. The day-long conference was planned in partnership with Ms. JD, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to the success of aspiring and early career women lawyers.

"Since we launched the Women's Leadership Initiative in 2017, we have seen the power of building connections between women lawyers," said Molly Brummond, '03, assistant dean for external relations and strategic initiatives. "Accelerate 2018 was born out of a connection I made with Danielle Allison, the executive director of Ms. JD. With this conference, we wanted to bring the ability to connect with law students from across the region to our students."

The event kicked off with a networking reception on the evening before. The next morning, students participated in networking breakfast roundtables focused on topics such as careers in government, the post-graduate job search and the road to in house counsel. Alumni and friends of the College served as table hosts and provided advice based on their own personal experiences.

Following a welcome from Dean Richard Moberly, participants learned from women lawyers about such topics as negotiating, self-promotion, nonverbal communication and mentorship.



Assistant Dean Molly Brummond and Jeana Goosman during the "Self-Promotion: Putting Your Best Foot Forward to Get What You Want" session.

Special thanks to the alumni and friends of the College who made this event possible by lending their time and expertise:

Panelists & Speakers:

(Keynote speakers denoted by bold font.)

- Barb Davis, '84, Attorney and Consultant
- Gail Perry, '83, Vice President/Associate General Counsel, Ameritas
- Torrey Gerdes, '08, Partner, Baylor Evnen LLP
- Jennifer Petersen, Sr. Labor & Employment Counsel, Werner Enterprises
- **Jeana Goosmann, CEO, Founder, Managing Partner of Goosmann Law Firm**
- Jamie Reyes, Director of Transportation and Railroad Safety/Legal Counsel, Nebraska Public Service Commission
- Marnie Jensen, Partner, Husch Blackwell
- Tosha Rae Heavican, '12, Associate, Hightower Reff
- **Hon. Riko Bishop, '92, Judge of the Nebraska Court of Appeals, 1st Judicial District**
- Kristin Krueger, '08, Partner, Koley Jessen
- Lily Amare, '15, Associate, Cline Williams Wright Johnson & Oldfather
- Brenda Smith, '07, Partner, Dvorak Law Group
- Danielle Allison, Executive Director, Ms. JD
- Kara Ronnau, '11, Executive General Counsel, Aurora Cooperative Elevator Company
- Angela Zimmer, Managing Attorney, Watson & Carroll
- Kari Schmitz, '18, Legal Operations Specialist, Hudl
- Maleaha Brown, Vice President, Fellowship Director, Ms. JD
- Tara Paulson, '09, Partner, Rembolt Ludtke
- Ellie Rohr, Legal Counsel, Nebraska Public Service Commission
- Tara Stingley, '05, Partner, Cline Williams Wright Johnson & Oldfather
- Alyssa Stokes, '17, Associate, Koley Jessen
- Christin Lovegrove, '09, Partner, Heinisch Lovegrove
- Hon. Rachel Daugherty, '95, District Court Judge
- Megan Belcher, Senior VP, General Counsel, Secretary, The Scoular Company

Moderators:

- Professor Kristen Blankley
- Molly Brummond, Assistant Dean for External Relations & Strategic Initiatives
- Tasha Everman, Assistant Dean of Career Development
- Elsbeth Magilton, Executive Director, Space, Cyber & Telecom Program
- Katie Pfannenstiel, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations & Event Planning
- Melissa McCoy, Director of Enrollment Strategy and Communications
- Kala Mueller, Director of Public Interest Programs
- Erin Callahan, President, Ms. JD



Ms. JD's Erin Callahan interviewed Hon. Riko Bishop, '92 during a Fireside Chat.



The "Careers Beyond the Firm" panel during Accelerate 2018 featured (l-r) Danielle Allison, Kara Ronnau, '11, Angela Zimmer, and Kari Schmitz, '18, Kala Mueller (not shown).



The "Nonverbal Messages You're Sending That Are Holding You Back" panel during Accelerate 2018 featured Tosha Heavican, '11, Marnie Jensen, and Jamie Reyes, '10, Elsbeth Magilton, '12 (not shown).

Stacy, '91, addresses December graduates



Hon. Stephanie Stacy, '91, delivers the keynote address at the Law College's 2019 winter commencement.

Hon. Stephanie Stacy, '91, addressed the Class of 2019 graduates and their guests at the winter commencement ceremonies held at the College in the Hamman Auditorium on Friday, December 14.

A member of Nebraska Law's class of 1991, Stacy is a justice on the Nebraska Supreme Court, representing the 1st Judicial District. Prior to her appointment in 2015, she served on district court bench for the 3rd Judicial District from 2011 until 2015. Stacy was a partner at a Lincoln law firm 1993 until 2011 and served as a judicial clerk for the Honorable David L. Piester, federal magistrate judge, from 1991 until 1993.



Elizabeth Flynn with her father David Lutton, '80.



Dean Richard Moberly with Shaina Bergt



Dean Richard Moberly with Angela Choe



Dean Richard Moberly with Elizabeth Flynn



Dean Richard Moberly with Stephen King



Dean Richard Moberly with Marcus Rechtenbach



Dean Richard Moberly with Steven Standish



Dean Richard Moberly with Joanna Uden



Zahrah Salih receives her doctoral hood during the winter commencement ceremony.

Space Law Program awarded NASA grant to connect law schools, space law experts

By Elsbeth J. Mailton, '12, Executive Director of Space, Cyber, and Telecommunications Law Programs



Students from law schools across the country received travel stipends that allowed them to attend the ABILA International Law Weekend in New York.

In September, the Space, Cyber, and Telecommunications Law Program received a NASA Space Law pilot-program grant to create a nationwide network of students, faculty, and practitioners interested in space law and policy.

"NASA understands workforce development is crucial to the United States' prosperity in space. We hope to foster a great pool of attorneys from which to pull their legal workforce," said Elsbeth Magilton, executive director of the Space, Cyber, and Telecommunications Law Program. "The key objective of the Space Law Network is to implement a system to support, educate and provide opportunities to law students across the country interested in space law and policy."

The project was facilitated by the NASA Nebraska Space Grant office at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, led by Scott Tarry, director, and Michaela Lucas, associate director, and primarily implemented by Nebraska's space law program, led by Professor Matt Schaefer, co-director and program faculty, and Magilton. "This grant allows the Space Law Network to fund legal internships at NASA, as well as bring students from all over the U.S. to numerous national conferences, where they'll hear from leading scholars," Schaefer said.

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– Professor Matt Schaefer**

The project's first event brought together a diverse group of law students to the American Branch of the International Law Association's International Law Weekend in New York. Over 74 individual applications were received and the team selected a group of 15, representing over 14 different states. Students attended sessions on space law, including a career building workshop lunch.



Adjunct Professor Dennis Burnett presents during a Space Law Network weekend workshop.

In December, the Space Law Network brought a group of students to Washington, D.C., for an annual symposium; the International Institute of Space Law's Annual Galloway Symposium brought together speakers and panelists from all over the United States who came together to share their knowledge and thoughts on the pressing issues in space today. Prior to the symposium, students visited D.C. firm Fish and Richardson for a career session and "space law crash course" with Magilton, Dennis Burnett, '73, and NASA attorney Victoria Kauffman.

In January and February, law students applied for Space Law Network funded NASA internships at eight different centers across the country. All eight interns will have the opportunity to serve NASA over their summer, gaining practical legal experience. The grant provides a stipend to these students, creating an opportunity for many students who are not in a position to apply to unpaid government internships.

The grant is also focused on becoming a scholarly resource for students and faculty. A weekend workshop hosted in April helped students and new scholars focus on publication and scholarly writing in the field of space law. The workshop featured a mixture of sessions detailing the international and domestic foundations of space law, including multiple practice focus areas, while highlighting holes in current policy or scholarship ripe for discussion. The workshop also included working sessions dedicated to developing topics and outlines, and sessions on legal research and publishing "how-tos" in a variety of forums. In addition to this workshop, the Space Law Network is creating a robust online platform with research guidance, introductory information to the field and online resource links. The video resource catalog, featuring internationally prominent experts, is being managed and led by NASA Space Law Network Student Researcher Amanda Berman, '20.

The Network also assembled a world class Cooperation Council to advise on all of these activities, including Caryn Schenewerk (senior counsel and director of Government Affairs, SpaceX and Georgetown Law School adjunct professor of space law), Jeanne Suchodolski (International Space University, Nebraska Law LLM, '15), Christina Mulligan (professor of law, Brooklyn Law School), Nate Woodford, '17 (corporate counsel, Firefly AeroSpace, LLM student), Mary Sandy (Virginia Space Grant Consortium director), Henry Hertzfeld (professor, Elliott School & Law School, GWU), Jeff Brooks (director of Externship Programs and assistant professor of professional practice, LSU Law Center), Ellis Brazeal (partner, Jones Walker and adjunct professor, University of Alabama), D'Lorah Hughes (director of externships, University of California-Irvine School of Law), and Sajani Desai (assistant Career Service director and externship director, University of Miami Law School).

The Space, Cyber, and Telecommunications Law Program and the Nebraska Space Grant were uniquely situated to create the Space Law Network, which strengthens, enhances and diversifies connections between U.S. law schools and space law experts. Over the past 10 years, Nebraska's space law program has trained attorneys who serve in the military, including U.S. Air Force Space Command; civil government, including the U.S. State Department; and commercial space law positions, including SpaceX and Firefly Aerospace. The program hosts one of the largest annual conferences in space law each year in Washington, D.C., and is guided by a world-class advisory board.



Jim Nearhood, '76, steps up once again to fund new, larger Nearhood Office of Admissions

By Christine Truhe, '12, Director of Development



When Richard Moberly became dean in 2017, he took some time to evaluate the College of Law's staffing, resources and facilities. "We were fortunate that the College had few major facilities needs at that time. We had just opened the Marvin and Virginia Schmid Clinic Building, a 16,000 square foot addition that houses our clinical programs. That left the old clinic space — which hadn't been touched since the 1980s — in need of updating and a new purpose."

In talking with the Admissions team, Moberly found it clear that a larger space for Admissions was needed, despite the fact that their current space was only six years old. Thanks to a generous donation from Jim Nearhood, '76, the Law College had already created the Nearhood Office of Admissions in 2011. "We moved into the Nearhood Admissions Office in October 2011, and since that time, we have used every inch," said Assistant Dean for Admissions Tracy Warren, '03. "In 2011, we had two people working in Admissions. We now have five. The College of Law is seeing more applications, more students visiting for Preview Days and more students coming for Admitted Students Day; all great things for the College, but we had outgrown our space. We no longer had room to host a Preview Day for prospective students in our office."

A longtime supporter of the College and its students, Nearhood was excited the College was experiencing an increase in

applications and that more students were interested in an education at Nebraska Law. He enthusiastically supported moving the Nearhood Office of Admissions to a new larger space within the College of Law, and his gifts made the new space possible.

His contributions included rare family photographs from Nebraska in the early 1900s. Students visiting the Nearhood Office of Admissions have the opportunity to learn Nebraska and Nearhood family history from the photos.

"When I look back, my law school education changed my life. It inspired my love of the law, and it opened the door for a very satisfying and rewarding career," says Nearhood. "I believe in opportunities. When opportunity knocks, you must be able to recognize the opportunity and take advantage of it. My goal in supporting the Law College and student scholarships is to provide an opportunity that might not otherwise exist."

A red rectangular sign with the words "Nearhood Office of Admissions" in white, bold, sans-serif font. The sign is mounted on a wall.

Nearhood family photos are on display in the new Nearhood Office of Admissions.



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In January 2019, the Law College opened the newly-completed Nearhood Office of Admissions in the old clinic space. Construction on the project took eight months and included a complete update of the space. The new Nearhood Office of Admissions includes a spacious waiting area,

In 2012, Nearhood was honored with the College of Law's Outstanding Alumni Award. Nearhood's extensive legal experience includes the buying, selling, leasing and finance of real estate; the establishment of residential, commercial and mixed-use subdivisions; the leasing and development of

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a large conference room and offices for each of the five Admissions staff. The Nearhood Office of Admissions is conveniently located across from the Welpton Courtroom and down the hall from the Career Development Office.

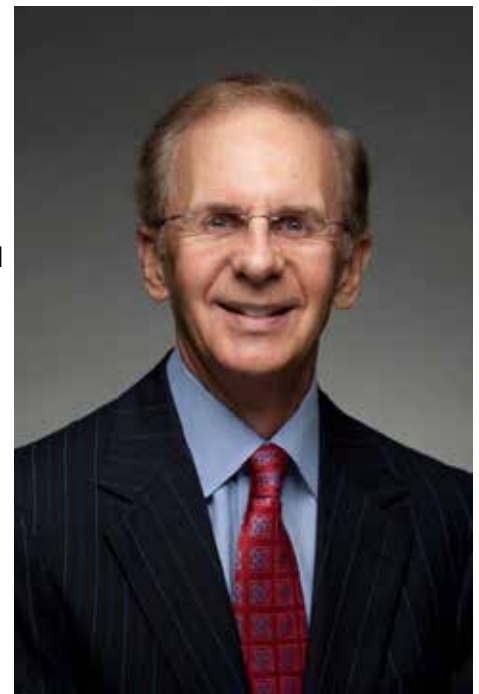
"We continue to be extremely grateful to Jim for his support of our students and our admissions team," says Moberly. "Because of Jim and his generosity, prospective students and their families have a welcoming space in which to visit the College and to meet with our faculty and staff. Nearhood Family Scholarships help students who may not otherwise be able to afford a legal education. We are tremendously thankful for the opportunities he provides for the College and our students."

About Jim Nearhood:

James (Jim) Nearhood grew up in Lincoln, Nebraska, and attended Lincoln Southeast High School. After graduating from the College of Law in 1976, Nearhood moved to Arizona where he clerked for the Honorable Jack L. Ogg of the Arizona Court of Appeals. In 1986, brothers Jim Nearhood and Rich Nearhood (since retired) established Nearhood Law Offices, PLC, to provide high-quality personalized representation in the areas of real estate transactions, property tax, business law, estate planning and litigation.

Native American land; the sale, purchase and finance of business assets and stock interests; inter-business contractual agreements; construction documentation and dispute resolution; and business organizations. In addition to his transactional expertise, Nearhood regularly handles complex real property tax litigation before the Arizona Tax Court.

Nearhood is a member of the American Bar Association (Real Property and Law Practice Sections), State Bar of Arizona (Real Property Section) and Maricopa County Bar Association.



Jim Nearhood, '76

Boswell, '09, advises Nebraskans to 'be bold'

By Katie Pfannenstiel, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations and Event Planning

Kristi Boswell, '09, is the Senior Advisor to the Secretary at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and has been recently detailed to the Executive Office of the President as a Special Advisor to the Senior Advisor. Recently, she and I sat down to discuss the role she plays within the USDA and, more importantly, the path she took to get to her dream job.

Q: As a native of Shickley, Nebraska, how is and was your family involved in the agricultural community?

Agriculture has always been an important part of my life. Growing up, I lived on a farm where my family raised corn and soybeans. And, given the size of my community, we were, therefore, active in the local and state-level agricultural associations. As a student, I was active in agricultural education and Future Farmers of America (FFA), which provided me the opportunity to participate in competitive events and show livestock at the fair. Being a farm kid truly impacted who I am today, as it has instilled a hard work ethic, drive and passion. It has influenced everything I have done in my life and aids me in making positive, thoughtful impacts on the work I do every day.

Q: How did your close connection to agriculture affect your educational journey and help keep a sense of connection to your roots?

Uniquely, even at an early age, I had the desire to pursue work in law and policy. Fortunately, at the age of 16, I was selected to attend a leadership conference in Washington, D.C., an opportunity that solidified my interest in living in Washington, D.C., and choosing a career where I could influence policy. Later, I attended the Nebraska Department of Agriculture's Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute, a conference I sincerely credit for assisting my future endeavors. The conference helped me realize that I could combine a career in law and policy with my passion for agriculture.

Q: While attending the University of Nebraska - Lincoln, you studied agricultural economics. What opportunities did you have as an undergraduate student that helped you accomplish your goals?

My experience at Nebraska was fantastic, especially within



Kristi Boswell, '09, at the White House during the signing ceremony for the 2018 Farm Bill.

the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR). As a student, the University community fostered the idea of personal development, which was further assisted by my professors, as they were eager to connect me with opportunities that would advance my career goals. In addition, I greatly appreciated the opportunity CASNR provided by offering a public policy option of an agricultural economics degree. The combined program allowed me to sharpen my policy development and interpretation skills while taking the traditional applied economics classes that were within other departments on another campus. I was able to avail myself to other awesome opportunities to diversify my experience.

Upon graduation, I considered a variety of possible next steps. Ultimately, I accepted a position with the Nebraska legislature. It was the experiences I had through that position that helped me quickly realize a law degree was in my future. I knew that whether I chose to practice, work in government

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or influence policy, the value and skills obtained would lead me to a position that helped me solve problems about which I cared very deeply.

Q: What experiences at Nebraska Law helped you ultimately land in a career that you have clearly been so passionate about for the majority of your life?

The coursework within agricultural law is what drew me to Nebraska Law. I was allowed to create a program of concentrated study in an area that really meant something to me. I had always imagined I would go straight into a policy role. Though, through clerkships with firms and the experiences I had while a student in the Civil Clinic, I decided my next move was to practice corporate defense litigation.

After law school, I spent a few years as a practicing attorney, knowing that while I was gaining a lot of knowledge, it was not D.C., which is where I had always wanted to land. D.C. is a relationship-based city. Due to connections from my family's involvement in local associations, my resume got sent to American Farm Bureau. Throughout the interview process with American Farm Bureau, it was clear my law degree and farm background set me apart from everyone else. Agricultural labor and immigration issues are at the forefront of what matters to farmers. The combination of my agricultural and economical skills, along with my legal work in employment law, allowed me to jump right in and concentrate on those issues. Again, I thank Nebraska Law for preparing me for the opportunity to litigate employment matters, while honing in on my agricultural coursework.

Q: In today's climate, what are the biggest challenges within your field?

I am honored to serve as a Senior Advisor to Secretary Sonny Perdue at the United States Department of Agriculture. The Secretary's motto is "Do Right and Feed Everyone." My colleagues and I come to work every day, knowing our goal is to serve farmers, ranchers and rural America. I feel incredibly blessed to be a part of the Secretary's team and to be a voice for farmers, such as my parents.

In a political climate that is often divisive, it is very challenging to feel like the work we are doing is actually making a difference as quickly as we'd like to see. I handle the immigration and ag labor portfolio for the Secretary, which is one of the top three critical issues farmers report to the Secretary. This issue, as well as so many others, is so very important, and our stakeholders want to see changes immediately. You quickly learn that broad sweeping legislative reforms are rare. Setting smaller goals helps continue the forward push to make incremental changes.

Q: It's obvious you've accomplished a lot and have landed a job you love in the place you have always wanted to live. Please share with our readers a moment of which you are most proud.

Though I have accomplished policy changes, I am most proud of the fact that I am here at all. Most would probably say that for a 12-year-old girl from a town of 300 people, that I was dreaming too big or that it was out of reach. Yes, there are many challenging days, but there are so many pinch me moments. I feel incredibly blessed when I walk into the White House, sit and laugh with the Secretary of Agriculture, walk through the halls of Congress or even if I just go for a run along the monuments. Through it all, I try very hard not to forget my roots because, frankly, it is just really cool to be part of the process.

Q: As a woman in the field of law and in D.C., what is something you would like to impress upon younger women with big dreams such as you had when you were little?

Be bold and maximize every opportunity you get. Do not underestimate yourself. I was young(er) when I arrived in D.C. and walked into an issue that had a lot of history, emotion and politicization. As a result, people underestimated me. But, if you work hard, believe in your knowledge and show courage through your voice, you will shift people's focus and understanding of your determination, reversing their mindset and earn their respect.

AlumNotes

1960s

Richard A. Peterson, '62, was elected a governor emeritus of Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln.



Hal J. Daub, Jr., '66, of Omaha, ended his service after six years on the University of Nebraska Board of Regents. Daub is senior counsel with Husch Blackwell.



Steven G. Seglin, '66, was elected secretary of the Nebraska State Bar Foundation. He is a senior member of the Lincoln law firm Crosby Guenzel.



Gary G. Thompson, '67, a 26-year member of the Board of Directors of the Nebraska Public Power District, was elected as the board's chair for a second consecutive year. He represents Subdivision 8, which consists of all or parts of Nuckolls, Thayer, Fillmore, Saline, Jefferson, Gage, Johnson, Pawnee, Richardson and Nemaha counties.

1970s



John F. Wright, '70, formerly an associate justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court, was posthumously awarded the George H. Turner Award. The Turner Award is presented to a member of the Nebraska State Bar Association who has demonstrated exemplary efforts in furthering public understanding of the legal system, the administration of justice and confidence in the legal profession.



Frank E. Landis, Jr., '71, has retired from the Nebraska Public Service Commission after 30 years on the regulatory board. He was the longest-serving public utility commissioner in the country, according to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners.



C. Scott Crabtree, '72, was a trial attorney in the Denver metro area for 30 years before being appointed a Colorado District Court Judge in 2001. He retired at the end of June 2016. He is now a panelist with the national firm of JAMS in its Denver, Colorado, office. As a sitting judge, he issued

a ground-breaking order declaring Colorado's statutory and constitutional prohibitions against same sex marriage unconstitutional under the Equal Protection and Due Process clauses of the U.S. Constitution.

William C. Peters, Jr., '72, along with his wife, Gretchen, presented a duo art exhibition at the West Nebraska Arts Center in Scottsbluff, which was co-supported by the Nebraska Arts Council and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment. He is a self-employed attorney with William C. Peters, Attorney at Law in Gering.



Marshall E. Lux, Jr., '73, has retired as Nebraska ombudsman at the Office of Public Counsel. He served in this role since 1991.



Lee K. Polikov, '73, was re-elected as the Sarpy County attorney.



Michael J. Tavlin, '73, was elected assistant treasurer of Woods Charitable Fund, a Lincoln private grant-making foundation.

AlumNotes



Matthew H. Williams, '74, of Gothenburg, was re-elected to the Nebraska Legislature representing District 36.



Steven E. Guenzel, '78, was elected president of the Nebraska State Bar Foundation. He is a partner with Johnson, Flodman, Guenzel & Widger in Lincoln.



Robert F. Bartle, '75, a partner at the Lincoln law firm Bartle & Geier, has been elected to Nebraska Wesleyan University's Board of Governors.



Sharon K. Kresha, '78, was elected assistant treasurer of the Nebraska State Bar Foundation. She is a partner with Baird Holm in Omaha.



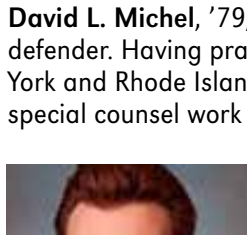
Michael J. McCarthy, '75, assumed the position of chair of the Nebraska State Bar Association House of Delegates. He is partner of McCarthy & Moore, a law firm in North Platte.



Ronald F. Krause, '79, was elected a director of the Nebraska State Bar Foundation.



Lance J. Johnson, '76, has joined Endacott, Peetz & Timmer as of counsel and manager for the firm's office located in Bruning. Johnson specializes in trusts and estate law, agricultural law and business transactions.



David L. Michel, '79, has been named York County public defender. Having practiced in places such as France, New York and Rhode Island, he has most recently been providing special counsel work in Omaha.



Steven F. Mattoon, '76, has been elected president elect of the Nebraska State Bar Association. Mattoon is a partner with Matzke, Mattoon, Martens & Strommen in Sidney.



Fred T. Witt, Jr., '79, a certified tax law specialist based in Arizona, worked with Howard Abrams, a tax professor at Harvard Law School, to create an online form store with updated forms of LLC operating agreements.



Roger M. Prokes, '76, of Maryville, Missouri, was re-elected presiding court judge for the 4th Circuit Court in Missouri. He was first elected to the court in 2000.



Steven A. Brewster, '80, who practices with the Krotter Law Group in O'Neill, has joined the Nebraska Community Foundation as a community development professional.

1980s

AlumNotes



David W. Pederson, '80, was named the 2019 Distinguished Alumnus for Outstanding Service to the North Platte community by the North Platte Public Schools Foundation, which honors leaders within North Platte for their dedicated service to their community. Pederson is an attorney

with Pederson & Troshynski.



Kathy A. Olson, '81, was elected as a director of the Nebraska State Bar Foundation. Olson is the assistant director of research and a research assistant professor of psychology at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. She is also an adjunct professor at the College of Law.



Stephen S. Gealy, '83, has been inducted to the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals (NADN), a professional association distinguished by their hands-on experience in the field of civil and commercial conflict resolution. Gealy is a senior partner at the Lincoln law firm Baylor Evnen.



Patty Pansing Brooks, '84, of Lincoln, was re-elected to the Nebraska Legislature representing District 28.



Kim M. Robak, '85, has been named vice chair of the Lincoln Community Foundation Board of Directors. Robak is a senior partner at Mueller Robak.



Russell W. Harford, '87, was the keynote speaker at Chadron State College's Winter Commencement on December 14, 2018. Harford is a county judge in Chadron. Separately, Harford was honored with the presentation of the CSC Distinguished

Alumni Award by Chadron State College for his achievements in his profession and demonstrated service to Chadron State.



Susan J. Spahn, '87, has rejoined the Omaha law firm of Fitzgerald Schorr. She is the immediate past president of the Omaha Estate Planning Council.



Joel D. Pedersen, '88, has joined the Omaha law firm Baird Holm. Formerly, he served as the vice president and general counsel for the University of Nebraska, a term which he began in 2008.



Cathleen H. Allen, '89, was elected treasurer of the Nebraska State Bar Foundation. She is a partner with Smith, Johnson, Baack, Placzek, Allen, Connick & Hansen in Grand Island.



Jeffrey J. Blumel, '89, has joined the Dvorak Law Group and will serve as managing partner of the firm, whose focus is on civil litigation, trial practice and dispute resolution with offices in Omaha and Hastings.



Susan K. Sapp, '89, has been named the House of Delegates chair-elect designate for the Nebraska State Bar Association. Sapp is an attorney at Cline Williams Wright Johnson & Oldfather in Lincoln.



Beth A. Townsend, '89, has been reappointed to serve as the director of Iowa Workforce Development, a position to which she was appointed in 2015. Townsend previously served as the director of the Iowa Civil Rights Commission.

1990s



Kelly J. (Carlson) Gagliuso, '90, has been named a shareholder of Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson, one of the largest law firms in New England. She was also named the first female national director of the Associated Builders and Contractors of New Hampshire and Vermont.

Robin W. Hadfield, '90, retired in September 2018 from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, where she worked as a hearing officer. Formerly, she spent 25 years as a career law clerk or pro se staff attorney for the Nebraska Supreme Court, Nebraska Court of Appeals, and the U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska. She was also an administrative/appellate attorney for the Nebraska Commission for Public Advocacy.



Jeffrey L. Hansen, '90, senior vice president and associate general counsel for Troon Golf, located in Scottsdale, Arizona, was recently awarded the 2019 Arizona Counsel of the Year for large private companies.



Kathleen S. Pallesen, '91, has joined the Omaha office of Berry Law and specializes in elder law.

Andrew J. Wilson, '91, has joined the Omaha office of Carlson & Burnett, where he continues his work in the areas of personal injury, criminal defense and mediation.



Amy Knox Brown, '92, author of the nonfiction book, *What is Gone* (Texas Tech University Press, 2017), received the 2018 Nebraska Book Award in the category of Memoir. Brown is an associate professor and program director of English at the College of Saint Mary in Omaha. *What Is Gone* is a story of violence and nostalgia, the inextricable connections

between identity and place, narrated by a woman who grew up in the comforting cultural geography of Lincoln.



Christine A. Neighbors, '92, has been named senior vice president and general counsel of Ameritas Life Insurance Corp. and Ameritas Life of New York. She also was named senior vice president and assistant secretary of Ameritas Mutual Holding Company and Ameritas Holding Company. Ameritas is headquartered in Lincoln.



Paul W. Rea, '92, was featured in the September 30, 2018, issue of the *Lincoln Journal Star*. His book, *The Legend of Lil' Red*, celebrated its 10th anniversary. Rea practices law in Lincoln.



Turan P. Odabasi, '94, is an attorney for Ameritas Life Insurance Corp., based in Lincoln. Formerly, he was a corporate attorney and corporate secretary at Nebraska Book Company, Inc.



Jacqueline R. Peterson, '94, has been named director of Forensics and Litigation Services at Weaver, an accounting firm based in Texas.



Joseph E. Dalton, '95, a resident of Waverly, was appointed to the County Court of the Third Judicial District by Gov. Pete Ricketts. Prior to being appointed, he was the chief deputy attorney for Seward County.



Jane F. Langan Mach, '95, began her term on the Nebraska State Bar Association's Executive Council, representing the First Judicial District. Langan Mach is a partner at the Lincoln law firm Rembolt Ludtke.

AlumNotes



Robert M. Schaefer, '96, of Beatrice, was re-elected to the University of Nebraska Board of Regents representing District 5.



Daniel Torrens, '96, has formed Portmeirion Law Offices in Phoenix, Arizona, focusing in the areas of personal injury and commercial litigation.



Matthew D. Maser, '97, has become a councilor on the Knights of Aksarben Foundation Board for 2019 and has rejoined Koley Jessen in Omaha as counsel in the firm's corporate and mergers and acquisitions practice areas.



Mona L. Burton, '99, has joined the firm of Anderson, Creager & Wittstruck, where her primary focus is on criminal defense and civil litigation.



Wendy E. DeBoer, '99, of Bennington, was elected to the Nebraska Legislature representing District 10.

2000s



Angela J. Dunne, '00, has written a book on post-separation parenting entitled *Patched Up Parenting*, which is a guide to help divorced parents overcome the challenges of post-separation parenting and demonstrates how it can be easier and better for your

children. Dunne is a managing partner with the Omaha law firm Koenig Dunne.



John H. Hart, '00, has been elected Whitman County District Court judge in the State of Washington. He was formerly Colfax Municipal Court judge.



Andrew R. Lange, '00, was appointed to serve as a judge for the County Court of Nebraska's Fifth Judicial District. Prior to taking office, Lange served as the chief deputy attorney for Saunders County.

Elizabeth M. (Callaghan) Skinner, '01, is an attorney with Fidelity National Title Group in Omaha. Recently, she has become a survivor of ovarian cancer and a local facilitator for the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund Alliance. In September, which is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, Skinner requested that Woodman Tower be lit in teal to raise awareness of the disease dubbed "the silent killer."



Victoria L. Collier, '02, is the managing partner of The Estate and Asset Protection Law Firm, in Decatur, Georgia, which has been named as one of the top 500 fastest growing law firms for the second year in a row.



Kelly R. Davis, '02, has joined the Omaha law firm Govier, Katskee, Suing & Maxell.



Aaron B. Johnson, '02, has been promoted to partner with the Omaha law firm Baird Holm.

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Clinton J. Guthrie, '04, has been appointed Housing Court judge for the New York City Civil Court. Previously, Guthrie served four years as supervising attorney with the Legal Aid Society in Brooklyn, New York.



Alexis L. Davidson, '05, has joined the Mid-Plains Community College Board of Governors. Davidson is an attorney for the Goodwin Siegfried law firm in McCook.



Jason M. Caskey, '06, has joined the Omaha office of Kutak Rock, where he concentrates on intellectual property protection, technology law, commercial transactions, copyrights, IP development and related transactions.



Grant D. Leach, '06, has been named a partner at the Omaha office of Husch Blackwell, where he focuses on a variety of corporate and compliance issues.

Marco C. Brown, '07, and his wife, Demaree, welcomed son Teddy Antonin Essom in September 2018. Brown is based in Salt Lake City, Utah, where he is managing partner at Brown Law.



Brent A. Meyer, '07, has been elected to partner at Husch Blackwell's Omaha office. Meyer is a member of the firm's real estate, development and construction team with experience in construction contract drafting and litigation.



Benjamin I. Siminou, '07, along with Leslie Brueckner, received the Pound Civil Justice Institute's 2018 Appellate Advocacy Award, which recognized the distinguished work resulting in the California Supreme Court's landmark decision in *T.H. v. Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp.*, 407 P.3d 18 (Cal. 2017), in which the court found that a brand-name manufacturer can be liable for failure to update a label, even

when a generic version of the product was used, years after the brand-name manufacturer last held rights to it. Siminou is self-employed appellate attorney with Siminou Appeals, based in San Diego.



Jason A. Cantone, '08, is the subject of a feature story in the January 2019 issue of *Monitor on Psychology*, a publication of the American Psychological Association. Cantone is a senior research associate for the Federal Judicial Center (FJC).



Krista M. Carlson, '08, has opened Carlson Family Law in Lincoln.

Brittany J. (Fullner) Krause, '08, is associate general counsel of claims for the Crete Carrier Corporation in Lincoln.



Kari A. F. Scheer, '08, has been named a partner in the firm Woods & Aitken. Scheer joined the firm as an associate in 2013 and practices in the areas of construction law and commercial litigation.



Ryan M. Swaroff, '08, has opened Swaroff Law. As a litigation specialist, she is an advocate and problem solver for her clients. Previously, Swaroff was with McGill Law in Omaha.

2010s



Amy L. Bartels, '10, has been appointed assistant professor of management at the Nebraska College of Business. She received her Ph.D. in Business Administration from Arizona State University in Tempe.

AlumNotes



Clint D. Cadwallader, '10, has joined the law firm of McGrath North in Omaha, practicing intellectual property, information technology and real estate.



Kristen J. (Koch) Hassebrook, '11, has joined the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry where she leads the Chamber's policy development and advocacy efforts.



Seth J. Felton, '10, has joined the Legal Services Division of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.



Tosha R. Heavican, '11, has joined the Omaha office of Hightower Reff Law, practicing estate planning, estate administration, guardianship/conservatorship, business formation and contract drafting/review.

Benjamin D. Goethel, '10, has joined Wells Fargo Bank as a vice president and senior fiduciary advisory specialist.



Stephanie N. Mahlin, '10, has been named partner with Dvorak Law Group, where she concentrates on business and corporate law and intellectual property.



Benjamin D. Kramer, '11, has become a shareholder with the Fort Collins, Colorado law firm Gast Johnson & Muffy. Kramer joined the firm in 2015 and focuses on business, real estate and estate planning matters.

Tanya M. (Nodlinski) Martens, '10, has been named a partner at the Sidney law firm Matzke, Mattoon, Martens & Strommen.



Joshua E. Dethlefsen, '11, has joined the Nebraska Attorney General's Office.



M. Thomas Langan II, '11, has been named a partner with the Omaha office of Dvorak Law Group, where he focuses on business and corporate law, intellectual property and banking and finance.

Timothy R. Ertz, '11, is an assistant city attorney in Kansas City, Missouri.

Jordan T. Glaser, '11, and wife, Emily, welcomed twins, Maggie and James, on September 16, 2018.

Charlie L. Grimes, '11, has joined the Omaha law firm Carlson & Burnett, where his practice focuses on family law.



Justin L. Lockamy, '11, has been appointed by the Clinton City Schools Board of Education in Clinton, North Carolina, to provide legal services to the school district. He has practiced with Warrick, Bradshaw & Lockamy since August 2011.



Jessica B. Greenwald, '11, has been named a shareholder in the Lincoln law firm O'Neill Heinrich Damkorg Bergmeyer & Shultz, where she assists clients with business and commercial transactions, corporate law, real estate transactions, business succession and estate planning matters.

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Patrick A. Tefft, '11, has been named partner in the Omaha office of the Dvorak Law Group, where his focus lies within business and corporate law, as well as construction law.



Adam S. Morfeld, '12, of Lincoln, was re-elected to the Nebraska Legislature representing District 46.



Samuel J. Cooper, '12, is a commercial escrow officer with TitleCore National in Omaha.



Abbi R. Romshek, '12, has joined the Douglas County Public Defender's Office in Omaha. Previously, she was an assistant public county defender in the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office in Phoenix, Arizona.



Adam A. Hoelsing, '12, of Scottsbluff, recently graduated with the eighth class of the Nebraska Water Leaders Academy, a one-year program that provides leadership training and educates participants about the vital role of rivers, streams and aquifers play in the economic sustainability of

the State of Nebraska.



Vanessa A. Silke, '12, has been promoted to partner with the Omaha law firm Baird Holm. Her practice encompasses all areas of real estate development, real estate law and water, energy and natural resources law.



Timothy G. Hruza, '12, has joined the Lincoln firm of Mueller Robak, where he focuses on lobbying and government relations.



Brandi J. Yosten, '12, has established Yosten Law in Albion and will continue to serve clients in Boone, Nance, Platte, Merrick, Madison, Greeley, Hall and surrounding communities.



Elsbeth J. Magilton, '12, and Danielle Miller, '15, have published "On-Orbit Satellite Servicing Standards Are a Necessity for the Private Space Industry," 31 No. 3 *Air & Space Law* 4. Magilton is the executive director of the Space, Cyber and Telecommunications Law Program at the College of Law.



Jason D. Bring, '13, has been named a partner at the Heidman Law Firm in Sioux City, Iowa. Bring is a member of the firm's litigation practice group.



Jessica D. Meyer, '12, is an attorney with Nestor & Mercure in Tecumseh.



Brett E. Ebert, '13, has been named a partner at the Lincoln office of Baylor Evnen. She practices in the firm's business and commercial and trusts and estates practice groups.

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Andrew D. Hanquist, '13, and Trevin H. Preble, '13, have opened Central Nebraska Attorneys in Grand Island.



Matt V. Hansen, '13, of Lincoln, was re-elected to the Nebraska Legislature representing District 26.



Trevin H. Preble, '13, and Andrew D. Hanquist, '13, have opened Central Nebraska Attorneys in Grand Island.

Spencer G. Bergen, '14, has been named legal counsel for Lincoln's Union Bank & Trust's wholesale lending division.

Halley A. (Ostergard) Kruse, '14, is counsel with the Acklie Charitable Foundation and the Crete Carrier Corporation in Lincoln.

Taylor A. L'Heureux, '14, has been named partner at Dewald Deaver L'Heureux Law Firm of Holdrege, where she has worked since 2015.



Blake K. Simpson, '15, has been named the administrative director of Institutional Compliance for Access, Equity and Diversity by Southeast Community College.



Michael S. Boal, '15, has joined the office of Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds as deputy legal counsel. Previously, he was an attorney with Parrish Kruidenier law firm, practicing civil and criminal litigation.

Wesley C. Bottorf, '15, and his wife welcomed baby John Rocco to the family on December 4, 2018. Bottorf is with Farmer's Mutual of Nebraska in Lincoln.

Dale T. Callahan, '15, has been named an Adams County deputy county attorney in Fremont. Previously, Callahan was a criminal defense attorney in Parsons, Kansas.



Brittney M. (Moriarty) Holley, '15, has joined the Lincoln office of Cline Williams Wright Johnson & Oldfather, where she focuses on general transactional matters.



Andrew T. La Grone, '15, was appointed by Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts to fill the District 49 vacancy in the Legislature. Prior to serving District 49, La Grone was legal counsel for the Nebraska Legislature's Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.



Megan E. McDowell, '15, has opened the Lincoln office of the national divorce firm Cordell & Cordell.



Danielle Miller, '15, and Elsbeth J. Magilton, '12, have published "On-Orbit Satellite Servicing Standards Are a Necessity for the Private Space Industry," 31 No. 3 *Air & Space Law* 4. Miller is an attorney at Enterprise Legal Studio, a Lincoln boutique corporate securities firm specializing in venture

capital investments.

Preston J. Peterson, '15, and his wife, LeAnn, welcomed Cort John on August 29, 2018. Peterson is an associate with the Law Office of Mark L. Eureka in Loup City.

AlumNotes



Hannah E. (Putz), '15, and Chris M. Schmidt, '16, welcomed Eleanor Louise, born January 29, 2019. Hannah is an attorney with Ameritas in Lincoln.



Bergan E. (Carr) Schumacher, '15, has been named a partner of the law firm of Bruner Frank Schumacher with offices in Kearney and Ainsworth.

Jacob T. Tewes, '15, '17, and his wife, Heather, welcomed Calvin Douglas on January 7, 2019. Tewes is a transactional attorney at the Omaha office of Kutak Rock.



Chi "Jenny" Zhang, '15, has joined the firm of Reinhart Borne Van Deuren in Minneapolis, where she is an attorney in Reinhart's Employee Benefits Practice and Taft-Hartley Group.



Chris M. Schmidt, '16, and Hannah E. (Putz) Schmidt, '15, welcomed Eleanor Louise, born January 29, 2019. Chris is a member of the litigation practice group at the Lincoln law firm Baylor Evnen.



Shannon N. Schroeder, '16, has joined Netflix in Los Angeles, working in Business and Legal Affairs on their Original Series projects. Previously, she was in Business and Legal Affairs at MGM Studios.



Lyle E. Wheeler, Jr., '16, has formed Wheeler Law in Lincoln.



Caitlin J. Ellis, '17, has joined the Omaha office of Jackson Lewis as an associate.



Derek A. Grutsch, '17, married Anastasia Erpelding on June 16, 2018, at the Berean Church in Lincoln. Grutsch is an associate attorney at Stinson Leonard Street in Kansas City.

Alisha D. Caldwell Jimenez, '17, along with College of Law Professor Kristen Blankley, wrote "Restorative Justice and Youth Offenders in Nebraska," which will be published by the NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW.



Jaclyn Klintoe, '17, has joined the Lincoln law firm Cline Williams Wright Johnson & Oldfather, practicing general litigation matters.

Jordan E. (Canterberry) Reid, '17, and husband Jake, welcomed son Easton Allen on March 10, 2019. Reid works for the Boise, Idaho, law firm Perkins, Mitchell, Pope & McAllister, where she practices litigation.

William D. Toronto, LL.M., '17, has published "Fake News and Kill-Switches: The U.S. Government's Fight to Respond To and Prevent Fake News," 79 *Air Force Law Review* 167.

Debra L. Wray, '17, and **Colton T. Williams, '17**, were married on August 24, 2018. Colton is an associate at Kutak Rock in Omaha. Debra is an attorney with McHenry Haszard Law in Lincoln.

Kevin P. Adler, '18, is a law clerk with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) at the John F. Kennedy Space Center in Orlando, Florida.

Sarah J. Applegate, '18, has joined the law offices of Baird Holm in Omaha.

Nathan R. Arehart, '18, was appointed an Adams County deputy county attorney in Fremont.

Hannah E. Carroll-Altman, '18, has joined Berry Law Firm in Lincoln. Her primary practice area is criminal defense.

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William N. Beerman, '18, has joined the Omaha law firm of Pansing Hogan Ernst & Bachman.

Tiffany S. Boutcher, '18, is an associate attorney in Lamson Dugan & Murray's litigation department in Omaha.

Trevor A. Brass, '18, has been appointed Dakota County deputy public defender in Dakota City, Nebraska.

Taylor A. Cammack, '18, has joined the Omaha office of Koley Jessen as an associate.

Kalli N. Davis, '18, has joined the corporate department of Omaha office of Kutak Rock as an associate attorney.

Kyle E. Dostal, '18, has joined the Lincoln law firm of Norby & Welding as an associate attorney.

Ashley H. Dugan, '18, has joined Woods & Aitken's Lincoln office in the firm's Labor & Employment practice group.

A. Mitchell Ferris, '18, is a patent attorney in the Omaha office of Suiter Swantz.

Paige E. Gade, '18, has joined the Omaha office of Koley Jessen as an associate.

Christopher A. German, '18, has joined the Norfolk law firm Jewell & Collins.

Kalli P. Gludemans, '18, has joined the Omaha law firm Larson Kuper Wenninghoff as an associate attorney.

Matthew W. Harris, '18, has joined the Omaha law firm of Croker, Huck, Kasher, Dewitt, Anderson & Gonderinger.

Tara E. Holterhaus, '18, has joined the Omaha office of the Goosman Law Firm.

Ally J. Hubbard, '18, has joined the Omaha law firm of Fraser Stryker as an associate attorney.

Sydney M. Huss, '18, has joined the Omaha office of Cline Williams Wright Johnson & Oldfather.

Daniel K. Kaplan, '18, has joined the Lincoln law firm of Perry, Guthery, Hasse & Gessford as an associate attorney.

Patrick M. Kennedy, '18, has joined the Omaha law firm Baird Holm.

Morgan C. H. Kristensen, '18, has joined the Lincoln law firm Johnson Flodman Guenzel & Widger.

Paul A. Lembrick, '18, has joined Lincoln's Bruning Law Group as an associate attorney.

Nicholas D. Meysenburg, '18, has joined the Dvorak Law Group as part of the Estate and Business Succession Planning Practice Groups.

Morgan C. Nelson, '18, is a judicial law clerk for the Executive Office for Immigration Review in Chicago.

Miranda R. Rogers, '18, has joined the Saunders County Public Defender's Office in Wahoo.

Kari L. (Krier) Schmitz, '18, is a legal operations specialist with Hudl in Lincoln.

Katherine E. (Lesiak) Sharp, '18, is an associate attorney at Jarecki Maul in Albion. Sharp married Schuyler Sharp on August 11, 2018, in her hometown of Fullerton.

Megan E. Shupe, '18, has joined the Bellevue office of Reagan, Melton & Delaney as an associate attorney.

Phong T. B. Tran, '18, has joined Brown Immigration Law in Lincoln.

Jeffrey C. Story, '18, has joined the Minneapolis, Minnesota, office of Fredrikson & Byron, where he is an associate in the Mergers and Acquisitions Group.

Daniel M. Quick, '18, has joined the Marsh Law Office in Broken Bow as an associate attorney.

Andrew J. Van Velson, '18, has joined the Van Velson Law Office in North Platte.

Jenna M. Woitaszewski, '18 married Jonas Christensen on August 4, 2018. She works at Baylor Evnen in Omaha.

Be sure to let the Alumni Relations Office know of your accomplishments, life changes and new opportunities. AlumNotes may be submitted by visiting the website: law.unl.edu/keep-touch.

In Memoriam

1950s

Don A. Boyd, '51, of Wilmington, Delaware, passed away peacefully on November 29, 2018, at his home in Maris Grove, Glen Mills, Pennsylvania, at the age of 92. Boyd was a World War II veteran, where he served in the Army Air Corp, after which he worked as an attorney for DuPont.



Barbara C. (Cypreansen) Haslam, '51, passed away at Nye Legacy in Fremont on October 7, 2018, at the age of 91. A native of Casper, Wyoming, Haslam came to Nebraska for both her undergraduate and law degrees, eventually making a home in Fremont with her husband, John. After attending the National Judicial College, she was appointed the Dodge County associate judge, a position which she held until retirement in 1986.



Donald R. Grant, '52, passed away on January 25, 2019, at the age of 94. During World War II, he was a second lieutenant in the United States Army, fought in the Battle of Okinawa and received the Purple Heart. He worked first as a claims adjuster before beginning his law career 1954. He was appointed a Lincoln Municipal Court judge in 1971 and retired as a Lancaster County Court judge in 1995.



Jerrold L. Strasheim, '57, passed away on November 30, 2018, at the age of 87. Strasheim worked his way through college, including a two-year stint with the Army ROTC Finance Corps. Upon graduation from the Law College, he clerked for Federal District Judge Robert Van Pelt. Strasheim spent two years in Washington, D.C., serving as minority counsel on the Subcommittee of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee on Improvements in Judicial Machinery. He served as the U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Nebraska for 11 years. He spent 20 years in private practice, many of them at Baird Holm in Omaha, where he was a partner.



Jerry L. Snyder, '58, passed away on December 5, 2018, at the age of 84. A native of Fairbury, Snyder practiced law in Lincoln until his death. When not working, he enjoyed dogs, horses, hunting, fishing, throwing tomahawks, and most of all, his family.

1960s



Gene D. Watson, '62, passed away in Mesa, Arizona, on September 22, 2018, at the age of 85. Watson served in the U.S. Army and Army Reserves, after which he graduated the Law College. Prior to retiring to Arizona, he was a resident of Columbus, where he was the district general counsel for Nebraska Public Power.



Richard P. Garden, '63, of Norfolk, passed away on July 26, 2018. He was 83 years old. Garden enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1954 and served on the 3rd Marine Division rifle team while in Japan, becoming a rifle instructor, until his discharge in 1957. In 1963, he began as an associate with the Hutton & Hutton law firm in Norfolk, eventually becoming a partner and forming Hutton & Garden. In 1979, he was appointed the district judge of the Ninth Judicial District, serving until his retirement in 2000.



Charles P. Huff, '65, passed away on October 25, 2018.

In Memoriam

1970s



Cecil R. Hedger, '72, passed away on January 31, 2019, in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was 71 years old. Hedger practiced labor law with the firm Nelson & Harding in Lincoln, and then later in Denver, Colorado. In 1996, he relocated to Salt Lake City, where he continued his work in labor relations litigation and family law.



Thomas E. Hellerich, '73, passed away on December 9, 2018, at his home in Windsor, Wyoming. He was 71. He practiced law in Greeley, Wyoming, for 38 years. During that time, he served as a municipal judge in Johnstown and Eaton and supported the Greeley community by serving on the board of the Greeley Chamber of Commerce and holding membership with the Optimist Club.



George G. Bastian, '74, passed away in Carmel, California, on September 7, 2018, at the age of 71. He served in 402nd Military Police Battalion at The Presidio of San Francisco as an operations and training sergeant E-5, earning several Army commendation medals. He was employed as general manager, controller, business manager/accountant for various corporations in San Francisco, before moving to Carmel, California, where he lived for more than 40 years. Prior to retirement, he was the controller/business manager for a group of restaurants in Carmel. After retirement and prior to his death, he loved volunteering at the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula in Carmel.



Robert D. Coupland, '74, passed away in Lincoln on February 19, 2019, at the age of 71. Coupland spent 30 years in the Valentine area, focusing on natural resource and environmental law, family law and municipal law. During his career, he was the city attorney for Valentine, director of the Nebraska Dispute Resolution Advisory Council,

the Cherry County attorney and served as a commissioner for the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, District VI.



Nancy Jean Ludden, '74, passed away on December 10, 2018, at the age of 68. She worked as an assistant Buffalo County attorney, Beatrice city attorney, and then in private practice, later retiring from the Fire Marshal's Office.

1980s



Deborah K. Long, '81, of Diamond Bar, California, formerly of Lincoln, passed away on January 19, 2019. After practicing for roughly 10 years, Long made a career change and attended the Professional Golf Career College. Upon graduation, she interned for the Western American Golf Association, then joined the staff of Women's Southern California Golf Association (WSCGA), becoming the assistant director of WSCGA in 2010 and executive director in 2016.



Jane R. Mapes-Jenkins, '82, passed away in Norfolk on December 26, 2018, at the age of 77. Mapes-Jenkins was the first female lawyer to practice in Norfolk, where she worked for the Domina Law Office and the John Gerrard Law Office. She then began her own practice, where she focused on estate planning and probate law. She retired in 2001 and worked part-time for Jewel & Collins Law Office. She served on the Norfolk City Council from 1989 to 1996. In addition to her life as a lawyer, Mapes-Jenkins devoted over 30 years to helping people in need of support for recovery.



Randall V. Petersen, '83, passed away on December 12, 2018, at the age of 63. He spent 35 years as a partner with Mattson, Ricketts Law Firm in Lincoln.

1990s



Frank B. Adams, '90, of Rochester, Minnesota, formerly of Mason City, Iowa, passed away February 28, 2019, at the age of 70. Before attending law school, he worked for General Dynamics in Dallas, Texas, and lived in England for three years. After earning his law degree, he moved to Mason City, Iowa, to practice law. He also spent time working for oil and gas companies in Colorado, as well as helping to start a drone company.



Russell R. Sibbel, '90, passed away on February 25, 2019, at the age of 54. After retiring from the United States Air Force, Sibbel worked as a civil servant at Offutt Air Force Base. He was most recently the program counsel for the Air Force Installation Contracting Agency at Offutt.

2000s



Kimberly S. Loontjer, '07, passed away in Elkhorn under hospice care in the home of her brother, on February 27, 2019. She was 38 years old. During her time at the Law College, she did a year study of comparative politics at the University of Denver. Prior to her death, she was working to complete her Ph.D. through Loyola University-Chicago and was a professor of political science at Concordia University Wisconsin in Mequon, Wisconsin.

Fall 2019 Events

September 19

University Program Council Event: Nadine Strossen, former president of the American Civil Liberties Union

September 27-28

Alumni Reunion Weekend

October 17

Attorney General Jon Bruning Public Service Lecture: Senator Bob Kerrey

November 8


Lane Lecture: Justin Driver, Professor of Law at the University of Chicago Law School

November 15

Special Event: Karl Racine, former Attorney General of the District of Columbia



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